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Testimony:

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee,

My name is Eileen Sleva. I live in Hillsboro and I am a mother and grandmother. Poor air quality is of great concern to me, having lived with breathing difficulties. I moved to Oregon 20 years ago because the valley I lived in was so polluted that I couldn't breathe. I loved the fresh air and open spaces here in Oregon. The past few summers, we have had to stay indoors because of wildfires and poor to harmful air quality. It is time for us as citizens to stop talking about how we can do something to mitigate the destruction of our earth and do something. We need to keep all fossil fuels in the ground, including 'natural gas' now. We know how harmful gas is in our homes and yet we continue to build gas heated homes. Our homes should be built to standards that protect us from climate extremes and are powered, heated and cooled by clean energy. We are in the midst of building new industrial areas in our community. These buildings must be constructed with these standards now. Homeowners who want to retrofit their homes with clean energy should be able to do so without extreme cost. For future generations we must take these steps now. To put this off any longer is tantamount to committing suicide and genocide. For your children and mine, please vote yes to take common sense measures for our community, our health and our earth. Thank you.